

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests that the foregoing amendment to Claim 20 and therefore adding new claims 21-25, be entered in order to avoid this application incurring a surcharge for the presence of one or more multiple dependent claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERSIONS WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

20. (Amended) A method of diagnosing metastasis **at a site distal from a primary tumor** in a human comprising:

a) **administering a** detectably **[labeling a] labeled** ligand which specifically recognizes VEGF[;

b) **administering the labeled ligand]** to the human; and

[c)] b) detecting the localization of the labeled **[antibody or fusion protein] ligand** in the human, wherein the abnormal localization of VEGF **[is indicative of a metastatic disease] distal from the primary tumor indicates the presence of metastasis in the human.**

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